

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the current sequence listing with the amended sequence listing enclosed herewith.

On page 10, replace the page (lines 1-29) with the following amended page:

Igk leader:

5'-ATGGAGACAGACACACTCCTGCTATGGGTACTGCTGCTCTGGGTTCC
AGGTTCCACTGGTGAC -3',
(SEQ ID NO: 11)

CD5 leader:

5'-ATGCCCATGGGGTCTCTGCAACCGCTGGCCACCTTGTACCTGCTGGG
GATGCTGGTCGCTTCCTGCCTCGGA-3',
(SEQ ID NO: 12)

CD4 leader:

5'-ATGAACCGGGGAGTCCCTTTTAGGCACTTGCTTCTGGTGCTGCAACT
GGCGCTCCTCCCAGCAGCCACTCAGGGA-3',
(SEQ ID NO: 13)

IL-2 leader:

5'-ATGTACAGGATGCAACTCCTGTCTTGCAATTGCACTAAGTCTTGCACT
TGTCACAAACAGT-3',
(SEQ ID NO: 14)

MCP leader:

5'-TGAAAGTCTCTGCCGCCCTTCTGTGCCTGCTGCTCATAGCAGCCACC
TTCATTCCCCAAGGGCTCGCT-3',
(SEQ ID NO: 15)

short native IL-15 leader:

5'-ATGTCTTCATTTTGGGCTGTTTCAGTGCAGGGCTTCCTAA-3'

(SEQ ID NO: 16)

long native IL-15 leader:

ATGAGAATTTTCGAAACCACATTTGAGAAGTATTTCCATCCAGTGCTACTTGTGTT
TACTTCTAAACAGTCATTTTCTAACTGAAGCTGGCATTTCATGTCTTCATTTTGGG
CTGTTTCAGTGCAGGGCTTCCTAAAACAGAAGCC

(SEQ ID NO: 17)

On page 43, replace the second paragraph (lines 5-33) with the following amended paragraph:

Sequences of the Ig-kappa oligonucleotides:

5'- Ig-kappa fwd

ctagccaccatggagacagacactcctgctatgggtactgctgctctgggtccaggtccactggtgacaa

SEQ ID NO: 18

complementary Ig-kappa rev:

ccagttgtcaccagtggaaacctggaacccagagcagcagtagccatagcaggagtgtgtctgtctccatggtgg

SEQ ID NO: 19

second forward oligo: 3'-IL-15 fwd1.1:

ctgggtgaatgtaataagtgattgaaaaaaattga SEQ ID NO: 20

complementary IL-15 rev1.1

gacttcaattttttcaaatacttattacattcac SEQ ID NO: 21

After annealing and ligation, the following fragment is obtained:

5'-NheI-Ig-kappa-leader-II-15-BglII-3' having the sequence (double-stranded)

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5' - CTAGCCACCATGGAGACAGACACACTCCTGCTATGGGTACTGCTGCTCTGGG
TTCCAGGTTCCTACTGGTGACAACCTGGGTGAATGTAATAAGTGATTTGAAAAAAT
TGAA-3'
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SEQ ID NO: 22

complementary:

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3' - GGTGGTACCTCTGTCTGTGTGAGGAGCATACCCATGACGACGAGACCCAAGG
TCCAAGGTGACCACTGAAGACCCACTTACATTATTCATAACTTTTTACTT
CTAG-5'
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SEQ ID NO: 23

On page 44, replace the fifth paragraph (lines 23-33) with the following amended paragraph:

Example 4 Preparing the constructs: WT-Fc and 149-Fc:

Starting with the above-described plasmid Igk8, the individual mutants were prepared by means of PCR using a forward primer having a BglII cleavage site at the 5' end (IL-15fw3.1: 5'-attgaagatcttattcaatctatgc-3') SEQ ID NO: 28

and a corresponding 3' reverse primer (WT: 5'-

ggatccgaagtgttgatgaacatttgacaatatgtacaaaactctgcaaaaattc-3'), SEQ ID NO: 29

(149: 5'- gggatcc-gaagtgttgatgaacatttgga-3') SEQ ID NO: 30.